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June 1954

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed MARCH 25, 1971 (Off. #719)

Call letters WDRB-TV

Station location LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Name of licensee MINNEAPOLIS STAR AND TRIBUNE COMPANY (AL 3-20-80; Eff: 5/16/80)
X CONSOLIDATED BROADCASTING COMPANY

ON WEST SIDE OF CHRISTIAN RD, 4 MILES NW OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA (BMPCT-7124 1-22-70)

X CHRISTIAN ROAD, 4 miles NW of NEW ALBANY, INDIANA (BMPCT-6584 3-27-68)
Transmitter location 0.5 mile EAST OF ST. MARY'S ROAD, 4 MILES NW OF NEW ALBANY, Kentucky

624 West Mohammed Ali Boulevard, Louisville, KY.

X 1051 East Main St., Louisville, Kentucky (BLCT-2067 3-25-71)
Main studio location X TO BE DETERMINED, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPCT-3597	6-20-66	CH. 41	V-174 kw	U	6-20-66
AH: 670' MSL: 1349'	632-638	A-17.4 kw			12-20-66
Construction Permit for a New Comm. TV Broadcast station. CP ISSUED WITHOUT CALL LETTERS.					
BPCT-3597	7-5-66	same	same	same	6-20-66 12-20-66
Mod of CP to assign Call letters					
BMPCT-6403			V-527 kw	DA U	
BMPCT-6584	3-27-68		A-52.7 kw	DA	9-27-68
AH: 1320' MSL: 2000'					
MP (BPCT-3597) Chg. ERP, TL, type antenna, struc. AH & Date					
BMPCT-6893	1-22-70	CH. 41	V-525 kw	U	6-20-66
BMPCT-7124		632-638	A. 52.5 kw (DA)		7-22-70
AH: 1280' MSL: 1961'	632-638				
MP (BPCT-3597 as mod) chg T-L; & EXT. DATE					

BMPCT-7212	11-4-70	Ch. 41	V. 302 kw	DA U	6-20-66
BMPCT-7243		632-638	A. 30.2 kw		5-4-71
AH: 1280' MSL: 1961'					
MP (BPCT-3597 as mod) chg. ERP & ant.					
WIRE 2-25-71 RE TENDERED LIC. APPLI. AUTH. GR.					
OPER. ON PTA ACCORD CP BMPCT-7212/7234 EXCEPT WITH STUDIO					
LOCATED AT 1051 EAST MAIN ST., LOUISVILLE, KY.					
WIRE 2-25-71 Auth. TO OPER. REMOTE CONTROL					
BLCT-2067	3-25-71				8-1-73

EDSA	5-15-72				

RCTV-91	8-31-72				OPER. REMOTE CONTROL

Wire	9-22-72				Pending compl. equip. deliveries & mod.
auth'd. in RCTV-91, auth. gtd. oper. temp. per. end. 12-20-72 with					
formerly licensed RC facilities.					
BPCT-4553	12-29-72	Ch. 41	V. 309 kw	DA U	2-28-73
AH: 1280' MSL: 1961'			A. 30.9 kw	DA RC	6-29-74
CP to change type trans.					

Wire	7-17-73				Re tendered lic. appl., auth. grtd.
oper. Main Trans. & Ant. on PTA accord. 73.629 & BPCT-4553					

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Transmitter location SEE CARD # 1

Main studio location SEE CARD # 1

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Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
ELCT-2228 (2)	7-31-73	Lic(BPCT-4553)	for chgs.		
BRCT-719	9-24-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	(L)		8-1-76
BRCT-719	7-14-76	Renewal of license	(S)		8-1-79
BTC - 8409	10-25-77	VOL. T/C			
BRCT 790402 LB	7-18-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	(S)		8-1-82
BALCT-800220KE	3-20-80	VOL. AL			
BRCCT-800225KE (1)	5-30-80	Remote control authority Studio Location change			
BTCCT-800905KF	10-14-80	VOL. TC			

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Call
Letters NEW WDRB-TVName CONSOLIDATED BROADCASTING COMPANY
c/o J. P. Morgan, Secretary, 1713 Calhoun Street, Chillicothe, Missouri 64601

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPCT- 3597 Recd. & Filed	7-7-65	Construction Permit for a new Commercial TV Broadcast station: CH. 41, 632-638 Mcs ERP: Vis. 176 kw(Horz) Aur. 17.6 kw(Horz) Hours of Operation: Unlimited T-L: 0.5 miles E of St. Marys Road, 4 miles NW of New Albany, Indiana S-L: To be determined, Louisville, Kentucky (RCA TTU-10A) AH: 675 feet STATION LOCATION: LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY Welch & Morgan, Atty, George C. Davis, Engr.	GRANTED	4-20-66
	7-7-65			
BPCT-6403	11-14-66	Mod. of CP (BPCT-3597, which auth. a new station) to extend completion date from 12-20-66 to ----- Vincent B. Welch, Atty. (Welch & Morgan)	GRANTED	3-27-68
R & F	11-16-66			

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CH-41 Louisville, Kentucky

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-6584 R & F JUL 25 1967	7-10-67 7-12-67	Modification of CP(BPCT-3597, which auth. a new station) to make the following changes: ERP to Vis. 569 kw (Horz), Aur. 56.9 kw (Horz) ; trans. loc. to On West Side of Christian Road, 4 miles NW of New Albany, Ind.; type trans. RCA TTU-30A; type antenna RCA TFU-36-J-DAS; antenna structure; antenna system; and increase antenna height above average terrain to 1369 -feet. Welch & Morgan, Atty. (Edward P. Morgan) George C. Davis, Engr.	GRANTED	3-27-68
AMENDED R & F DEC 14 1967	11-29-67 11-29-67	AMENDED to change ERP to Visual 527 kw (Horz) Aural 52.7 kw (Horz); make changes in the antenna structure and decrease antenna height above average terrain to 1320 feet.		

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CH. 41 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMPCT-6887 R & F PRESS	8-20-68	MP (BPCT-3597, as mod) to change ERP to Vis.	\$30. #453277	8-22-68
	8-22-68	570 kw (HORZ); Aur. 57.0 kw (HORZ); change type of antenna to RCA TFU-42J; antenna height above average terrain to 1316 feet.	DISMISSED	6-16-69
		Welch & Morgan, Atty. AMENDED 4-18-69 re financial data	PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF PERMITTEE	
BMPCT-6893 R & F PRESS	8-26-68	MP (BPCT-3597, as mod) to extend completion date to _____.	\$30. #455157	8-28-68
	8-28-68	Welch & Morgan, Atty. (Vincent A. Welch)	GRANTED	1-22-70
	SEP 3 1969	AMENDED 6-8-69 to update information in BMPCT-6893.	issued with BMPCT-7124	
		AMENDED 10-2-69 to update information. AMENDED 12-19-69 to update information.		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BMPCT-7124 R & F #560063 \$30 PRESS: ENG. DATA file	11-21-69 11-26-69 11-26-69 DEC 10 1969 5-12-70	MP(BPCT-3597 as mod.) to chg. TL approx. 500 ft. from present site (38-21-00, 85-50-56.5) and decr. HAAT to 1281 ft. Atty.: A. Robert Cherin (Welch & Morgan)	GRANTED issued with BMPCT-6893	1-22-70
BMPCT-7212 R & F #610801 \$30 PRESS:	6-18-70 6-22-70 6-22-70	MP(BPCT-3597 as mod.) to extend completion date to 1-1-71. AMENDED 9-9-70 to update information. Atty.: A. R. Cherin (Welch & Morgan)	GRANTED issued with BMPCT-7234	11-4-70
BMPCT-7234 R & F #618783 \$30 PRESS:	7-27-70 7-28-70 7-28-70	MP(BPCT-3597 as mod.) chg. ERP to Vis. 60.4kw(H) Aur. 60.4kw(H) and make chgs. in ant. sys. (beam tilt). Atty.: A. R. Cherin (Welch & Morgan)	GRANTED issued with BMPCT-7212	11-4-70

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BLCT-2067 R & F #665269 \$50 AC: 069 PRESS:	2-16-71 2-18-71 2-18-71 MAR 18 1971	Lic. to cover (BPCT-3597 as mod.) for new station. Atty.: ARCherin (Welch & Morgan)	GRANTED	3-25-71
BRCTV-91 Rec. & filed \$50.00 067710 AC: 069 Refunded	4-21-72 4--27-72 4-27-72 5-4-72 MAY 8 1972	Req. authority to operate remote control from 1051 East Main St., Louisville, Ky. A. Robert Cherin (Welch & Morgan)	GRANTED	8-31-72
BPCT-4553 R & F #116171 \$50 AC: 062 PRESS:	9-29-72 10-5-72 10-5-72 OCT 18 1972	CP to chg. type trans. to RCA TTU-30B. Atty.: Thomas M. P. Christensen (Welch & Morgan)	GRANTED	12-29-72

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRCT-719	4-27-73	RENEWAL OF LICENSE		
R & F	5-3-73	Welch & Morgan Atty: T.M.P. Christensen	GRANTED	9-24-73
PN RECD.	5-3-73	Amended 7-5-73 re equal emp.		
PRESS:	MAY 15 1973	Amended 7-12-73 reequal empl.		
BLCT-2228	7-3-73	License to cover (BPCT-4553) for changes.	GRANTED	7-31-73
R & F	7-6-73	Welch & Morgan, T.M.P. Christensen, atty.		
#517606 \$50.				
AC 058	JUL 23 1973			
PRESS:				

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Name **CONSOLIDATED BROADCASTING COMPANY**
CH-41 Louisville, Kentucky

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BRCT-719 R & F PN Rec'd: PRESS:	3-17-76 3-31-76 3-31-76 9 APR 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Annual Reports Filed Contours filed 3-31-76. Atty: Joseph M. Morrissey (Welch, Morgan & Kleindienst)	GRANTED	7-14-76
BTC-8409 R&F PN RECD PRESS (Form 315)	7-19-77 7-21-77 8-23-77 AUG 9 1977	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from J. P. Morgan, Edgerton Welch, Owsley R. Welch, et al, to Minneapolis Star and Tribune Company. Atty.: Joseph M. Morrissey (Welch & Morgan) Amended 10-20-77 re business, financial & legal.	GRANTED EFF:	10-25-77 12-13-77

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CH-41 **LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
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BPCT-5127 R & F PRESS: PN REC'D:	11-25-77	CP to chg. freq. from Ch-41, 632-638MHz, to Ch-21, 512-518MHz; ERP to Vis. 1100kW(Max) 374kW(H)RMS, Aur. 37.4kW(H)RMS; and type ant. to RCA TFU-30JDAS (DA). Atty.: Robert A. Marmet Engr.: Jules Cohen & Associates	Designated for Hearing Min. '79 10 22 BC-79-280	
	12-1-77			
	1-5-78			
CUT OFF DATE MAY 22 1978				
BRCT 790402LB R & F PN REC'DS PRESS	3-6-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE atty. THOMAS L. ROOT {HARMET PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION}	GRANTED	
	4-02-79			
				7-18-79

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MINNEAPOLIS STAR AND TRIBUNE COMPANY

Name: XCONSOLIDATED BROADCASTING COMPANY

CH-41

Station Location: Louisville, Kentucky

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BALCT-800220KE R&F PN REC'D (FORM 316) PRESS	2-15-80 2-20-80	Voluntary assignment of licensee of corp, to Minneapolis Star and Tribune Company Harold K. McCombs, Jr., Atty (Marmet Professional Corp.)	GR. 3-28-80 EFF: 5/16/80
BRCCT-800225KE R & F	2-20-80 2-25-80	Request authority to chg. studio location and remote control point to 624 West Mohammed Ali Boulevard, Louisville, KY Atty.: Harold K. McCombs, Jr. (Marmet Prof. Corp.)	GRANTED 5-30-80
BTCCT-800905KF (Form 316)		Vol. aquisition of voting rights of licensee corp. from stockholders of Minneapo- lis Star and Tribune Company to Morley Cowles Ballantine, John Cowles, Jr., Lois Cowles Harrison, et al., voting trustees. Atty.: Robert A. Marmet	GRANTED 10-14-80

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast radio stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

TV History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest TV stations. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of television station history.

